

Senate Resolution 1324

By: Senator Harbison of the 15th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Bonnie Franco; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Bonnie Franco, R.N., B.S., M.S.N., is administrative director for behavioral
3 health services at the Bradley Center of St. Francis Hospital in Columbus; and

4 WHEREAS, she began her career at St. Francis in 1974 as a part-time secretary while she
5 was still in high school, but her dream was to become a nurse; and

6 WHEREAS, she not only fulfilled that dream but also became one of the most innovative and
7 influential leaders St. Francis Hospital has ever had; she has played an instrumental role in
8 the development of several key hospital services, including the outpatient department and the
9 women's center, and in the design and renovation of the emergency department; and

10 WHEREAS, she has helped facilitate a partnership with long-time competitor Columbus
11 Regional Medical Center to meet the behavioral health needs of the area with one program
12 under one roof; and

13 WHEREAS, she is active in professional and charitable organizations; and

14 WHEREAS, she was the recipient of the Georgia Hospital Association Lifetime Heroic
15 Achievement Award for 2007.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
17 commend Bonnie Franco for her many contributions to the nursing profession and to the
18 health and welfare of her community and this state.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
20 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Bonnie Franco.